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1.	Director Rudolf Eschler of DIA Invest-Export is scheduled to depart on or about
	1 November 1954 for a business trip to Czechoslovakia, during which he will visit
	Pilsen and Prague. He is reportedly to be accompanied by one of the DIA Secre-
	taries, not identified by name. Eschler plans to neogotiate with Czechoslovak
	foreign trade corporations regarding possible exports to Czechoslovakia.

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2. The Deputy Director (Zweiter Direktor) of DIA Invest-Export, Scheffler (fnu), was recently relieved of his position and dismissed on grounds that he had nominated himself for receipt of a Praemie and title of Aktivist on 13 October 1954 for work which had actually been performed by another individual. Scheffler was replaced by Langholz (fnu), who comes from the Halle area. Langholz was given the title of "Handelsdirektor".

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The Stellenglan was approved a few days ago, permitting DIA Invest-Export to hire an additional 30 persons. A new female interpreter is expected to be assigned to the translation bureau on or about 1 November, to handle Spanish, Italian, French, English. She is reported also to have a working knowledge of Russian.

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Mrs. Ratzek (fnu), who was formerly employed by one of the other DIA's.

At the present time, all business correspondence between DIA-Invest-Export and the Soviet satellite nations is carried on in Germany, with exception of Red China with whom DIA Invest-Export corresponds in English. Inquiries from the Soviet Trading Corporations, i.e., Tekhnopromimport, which is the only Soviet trading corporation which has done business with DIA Invest-Export to date, have been received in Russian. Tekhnopromimport has dealt exclusively with Kontor 32 in regard to Cement Plants. Because of the recent loss of the Russian interpreter of DIA Invest-Export, Rudolf Kunze, for whom there is no replacement available business replies have been forwarded to the Trade Delegation in German. The original inquiries, which are submitted in the Russian language, have been sent out for translation to the Theodor Toemmler Uebersetzungsbuerd, Friedrichstrasse, corner Johannis Str. This practive is contrary to all official regulations, but since no

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